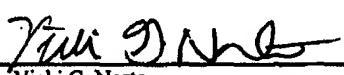


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Sir:

Applicant thanks the Examiner for taking the time to discuss the pending application by telephone during an Examiner Interview dated October 17, 2003.

In response to the Office Action of June 26, 2003, please amend the above-referenced patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 12 of this paper.

Conclusion begins on page 15 of this paper.

An Appendix including a clean version of the pending claims is attached following page 15 of this paper.

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